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Secretary of the Army, The Honorable Les Brownlee, meets 1st Cavalry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli and Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Schindler (right) at 1st Cavalry Division headquarters in Baghdad Aug. 27. Brownlee visited with the 'First Team' leadership at Camp Victory and other military sites in the Baghdad area.

NCOs Join 4th BCT

By Sgt. Merrion LaSonde
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CAMP COOKE, Iraq - "The origin of the non-commissioned officer can be traced back to the Roman legions," said 1st Sgt. Michael Clowser, first sergeant of Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team.

"When Roman commanders found the tactical and administrative requirements of drilling and fielding a successful army absorbed all their time, they turned to the ranks for assistance," Clowser continued. "They picked exceptional Soldiers to be commanders of 10 and assistants to commanders. To be an NCO, then and now, means that entry to or occupation of a position of responsibility and authority is based upon demonstrated competency and continued performance."

Sixty new NCOs were welcomed into the ranks of the NCO Corps during an induction ceremony held at the Camp Cooke Morale, Welfare and Recreation Theater the evening of Aug. 15.

Typically held once annually, the ceremony is symbolic of Soldiers confirming their commitment as newly appointed NCOs, explained Sgt. 1st Class Ola Clark, senior personnel sergeant, S-1, 4th BCT.

"They are now taking their place among their peers and assuming posi-

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Help is Just a Mouse Click Away

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CAMP VICTORY, Iraq -- School is in session back in central Texas, and after Labor Day weekend, children across the United States will all be back in the classroom. For most parents, keeping tabs on their child's progress in school is easy: notes sent home, regular report cards, and the ever-popular parent-teacher conferences.

For Soldiers deployed to Iraq, though, those options weren't available ... until now.

The 1st Cavalry Division's system automation section has installed a special computer workstation in the division head-

quarters building with the sole purpose of allowing deployed parents the ability to stay on top of their children's progress in the classroom.

The workstation, called the Interactive Counseling Center (ICC) is part of the Military Child Education Coalition's (MCEC) efforts to help service members stay involved in their children's educational needs, even though they may be thousands of miles away.

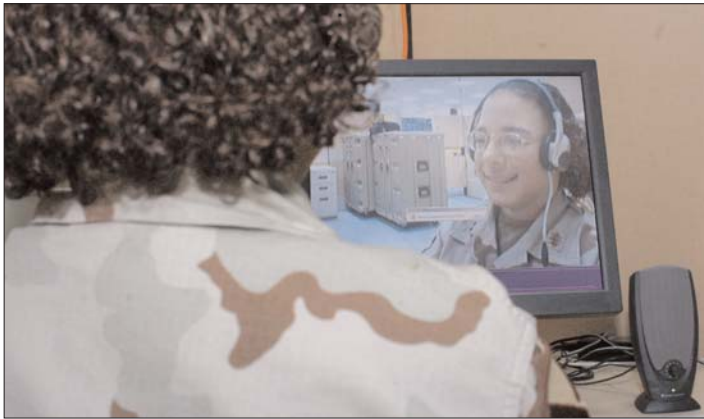
The ICC workstation is available now for deployed parents to use in Baghdad.

"We've tested the system twice," said Capt. Leyla Roman, the ICC project officer and a battle captain with the division's sys-

tem automation section. "This program offers a lot of options for parents, including face-to-face video teleconferencing with teachers or school counselors."

Roman said that hundreds of schools are linked into the web-based ICC system, including every high school in the Killeen/Fort Hood area. The benefit for Soldiers is that instead of trading e-mails, or relying on the postal system to keep them abreast of their children's issues at school, they can address them immediately ... and in real time.

"The biggest advantage, I see, is for the mili-



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Capt. Leyla Roman, the project officer for the Interactive Counseling Center, checks out the workstation in the 1st Cavalry Division's headquarters building. The ICC workstation offers deployed parents the opportunity to communicate via video teleconference with their children's teacher or school counselors.

Keeping Tabs on the Kids

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 tary single parent," Roman said. "But every parent should be aware of the program and take advantage of it."

Roman said that, currently, there is only one ICC workstation in Iraq, located in the division main headquarters building on Camp Victory North. She said that the administrators of the program at MCEC are looking to add more systems, based on how much the current workstation is utilized.

"There is the possibility of laptop versions of this workstation to be fielded

elsewhere [within the division]," Roman said. "The big thing now is to get parents in here to use it."

Deployed parents interested in using ICC can sign up by going to the system automation section's (G-6) main page on the division's secure intranet. Roman said that by clicking on the ICC icon, Soldiers can fill out the required request form to get the process started.

The automation section will contact the school and set up a time for a video teleconference between deployed parents and school representatives.

4th BCT Soldiers Inducted into NCO Corps

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 tions of leadership," the Monroe, La. native said.

At the beginning of the ceremony, three specialists recited their Soldier requests to the new NCOs, asking them to listen often and guide them toward their future.

"Treat me with respect ...do not break my spirit with your words ...and speak with me often, sergeant. Your guidance patience and understanding will more quickly teach me to Be, Know and Do. Train me, sergeant, so that I, too, may one day be a sergeant."

The guest speaker for the evening was 2nd BCT Command Sgt. Maj. Neal Ciotola. "All I ever wanted to be when I joined the Army was a sergeant. All I ever wanted to be growing up was a Soldier," he said.

Ciotola went on to explain his views and experience of leadership.

"Schofield's definition of discipline: It is important to incite or instill in the minds of your subordinates an intense desire to do nothing but accomplish the mission," Ciotola said. "And you can do this by not being tyrannical with your

Soldiers. Even in the face of the greatest diversity, it is possible to incite and instill in those that aspire to be like you and follow you, an intense desire to never want to let you down. That is my definition of leadership."

Citing a portion of a speech by Winston Churchill, Ciotola said, "To whom much is given, much is expected ... much is required. I am not the backbone of the Army; you are. I am closer to the end, than the beginning. Tomorrow this Army is yours. What will you do?"



By Sgt. Merrion LaSonde, 122nd MPAD
 Soldiers run the gauntlet of sergeants major, armed with water bottles to wet down the new NCO stripes.

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

I am an American
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Saturday

High: 112
 Low: 82



Sunday

High: 112
 Low: 84



Monday

High: 110
 Low: 82



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News Notes

California Holds Rummage Sale

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (Reuters) -- California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is holding a rummage sale to dispose of unwanted state property from aircraft engines to jewelry. The "California Garage Sale" will take place on Friday and Saturday in the state capital Sacramento and some of the items will also be offered by online auctioneer eBay. The items include office furniture -- most of the state's furniture is made by prisoners -- 30 pounds of scissors, forklifts, knives, expired color film, computers, jewelry, a red 1995 Ford Mustang and even baseball cards.

Arkansas Schools Repair Schedule

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark. (Democrat-Gazette) -- Flat roofs and antiquated air conditioners represent the biggest structural deficiencies found in Arkansas school buildings so far, lawmakers learned Wednesday. Legislators received a firsthand look at the \$8.8 million assessment of Arkansas school facilities as architects and engineers hired for the project gave them a tour highlighting their findings at Heber Springs High School. The assessments began June 1 and should be complete by the end of September. A rough draft report is due Oct. 31, states. They will evaluate 80 million feet of public school facilities.

Family Man Enjoys Being a Dad

FORT HOOD, Texas (Fort Hood Herald) - Craig Turman wears many hats: Father, employee, family readiness group leader and husband are just a few.

Turman's wife, Tabatha is an Army captain. Like many from Fort Hood, she is deployed to Iraq with the 15th Finance Battalion and the 1st Cavalry Division.

"This is the hardest thing I've ever done, and I've dodged bullets in a war zone," he said of the separation.

The couple has two sons, Craig Jr., almost 13, and Myles Jorden who turns 3 this month.

Turman works full time at the Operational Test Command's Close Combat Test Directorate on West Fort Hood and recently graduated from the University of Maryland with an undergraduate degree in Information Systems Technology.

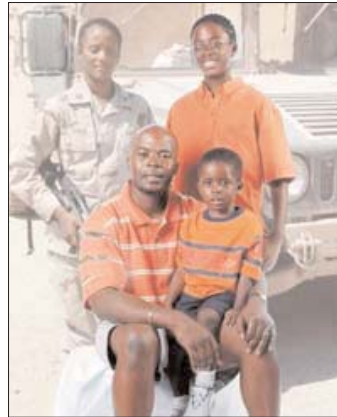
"I thought I was prepared for this, but had no idea how much work it would really be," he said.

But Turman added he is lucky, noting that his wife "the beautiful woman that she is" laid all the groundwork before she left to ensure his success.

"I do have to admit it was culture shock when I had to come home and do all the cooking and cleaning," Turman said. "What I found out was that she did a lot more than I ever thought she did."

The Turmans have been together for 15 years. They met while both were enlisted soldiers in the Army and served together during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"We realized that both of us staying active duty wasn't the best thing for



Fort Hood Herald

Craig Turman is a stay at home dad, while his wife, Tabatha is deployed to Baghdad.

"our family," Turman said. So, Turman left the Army while still a promotable staff sergeant after 13 years on active duty.

"She wanted to stay in and I didn't, so she went to ROTC and completed her undergraduate degree in accounting, and since she's gotten a master's degree," he said.

Turman said he thought knew and had a firm understanding of the nature of deployments because of his experience in the Army.

"I thought I would have it all figured out, but now I realize I wasn't close," he said.

Turman credits his family with much of his success at being a temporary single dad.

"Maybe it was an advantage having five sisters, a mother and a wife, because there's always someone I can ask when I can't figure things out," Turman said.

He said that his wife's absence has given him a really good idea of the impact she has on the family.

"I never knew the impact she had, but now I

do and I appreciate her more every day," he said.

Turman said that his wife made him a list of how to's and other little notes that she thought he might need.

"When she left, I thought, I don't need that, but now I add to it," he said.

Turman said his older son also has been an "invaluable help I couldn't live without."

Craig Jr. said that he also has noticed a lot of changes with his mother's deployment.

"It's a bigger responsibility to help my dad, but I don't mind," he said. "It's our family."

Craig Jr. said he likes it that his dad is there for him to talk to, but misses his mom for certain things.

"I can talk to my dad about most things, but not everything," he said.

Going to church, and hanging out with friends helps take his mind off his mother's absence, but "I still miss her," he added.

Turman said Tabatha should be able to come home on leave in November.

"We can't wait for that time," he said.

Meanwhile, Turman has support and is focused on his role as the group's leader.

He said the group is an inspiration to him.

"I have a beautiful bunch of women who are there to help do anything, to discuss anything, they are my best friend," Turman said. He recommended that everyone get involved with their family readiness group because they are a direct line of support.

"They will help you if you need it," he said.

U.S. Women's Fab Five Get Gold in Athens



Reuters

U.S. soccer stars Briana Scurry, left, Mia Hamm, center and Brandi Chastain celebrate after beating Brazil to win the gold medal Thursday.

ATHENS, Greece (AP) -- Mia Hamm knew her final game wasn't her best - that her teammates deserved the credit for the gold medal around her neck.

"They carried me tonight, that's for sure," Hamm said.

So be it. After all, for most of the last 17 years, Hamm has carried women's soccer.

Hamm left the game as a winner Thursday night, receiving her second gold medal to go with her two World Cup titles. The United States defeated

Brazil 2-1 in overtime, a victory led by two goals from a next generation determined to give Hamm and her fellow vets a proper sendoff.

"We wanted to send them out on top," said Lindsay Tarpley, who scored in the first half. "They've done so much for the women's game. To be able to win gold when some of them are retiring - it's a great night."

The game marked the final competitive appearance together for the Fab Five, the remaining players from the first World Cup championship team in 1991. The five helped bring their sport to national prominence and captured the country's imagination by winning the World Cup in 1999, and together they have played in 1,230 international matches.

Perfect Gentlemen Lead U.S. Sweep of 200

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Bernard Williams must have learned a thing or two at the Sydney Olympics, because he and his U.S. teammates were on their best behavior Thursday after sweeping the 200 meters.

Shawn Crawford won gold in 19.79 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year and a personal best. He edged Williams, who tied his personal best of 20.01 seconds. Justin Gatlin, the 100 champion, was third in 20.03.

It was the sixth U.S. sweep of the 200 - the last time led by Carl Lewis in 1984.

Crawford, Williams and Gatlin knelt together on the track after they crossed the finish line and



AP

Shawn Crawford, middle, beat teammates Bernard Williams, right, and Justin Gatlin in the 200-meter finals Thursday night for a U.S. sweep of the event.

then Crawford took off on a victory lap, a laurel wreath on his head and a U.S. flag around his shoulders. He stopped in one corner of the track and knelt down on one knee, holding out the

flag for photographers. Williams caught up to him, and the two were trotting with a flag draped around both of their shoulders when long jump winner Dwight Phillips climbed the victory stand to accept his gold medal.

The sprinters stopped on the track as "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played, Williams putting his right hand over his heart.

Medals	G	S	B	Tot.
	28	31	24	83
	15	21	24	60
	25	17	12	54

Sports Shorts

Ichiro Hits 200, a Milestone

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)

- Seattle outfielder Ichiro Suzuki became the first player to reach 200 hits in each of his first four major league seasons when he sent the first pitch from reliever Jeremy Affeldt over the right-center fence in the ninth inning against the Royals Thursday night. "In Japan, at about the 120th game, I had 201 hits," Suzuki said through a translator. "To go at about the same pace and do the same thing over here, I didn't imagine doing that."



Cowboys Launch 24-hour Network

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys Channel, a 24-hour cable network devoted to America's Team, will launch Sept. 8 and be available to more than 1.3 million Comcast subscribers in Texas and adjoining states. The network will offer original programming, including broadcasts of coach Bill Parcells' news conferences, a nightly news show from practice and interviews. There will also be call-in shows and "Owners Desk," a weekly report from team owner Jerry Jones. The first show will air about four days prior to regular season.